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SUBJECT: SADAT ACCEPTS NOMINATION FOR SECOND SIX-YEAR TERM

1. IN MORNING SESSION AUGUST 25, APPROXIMATELY 50 PEOPLES
ASSEMBLY MEMBERS, REPRESENTING FARMERS, WORKERS, AND POPULAR
ORGANIZATIONS, SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF SADAT NOMINATION FOR SECOND
SIX-YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT. ONLY DISSIDENT VOICE WAS HEAD OF
SOCIALIST LIBERAL ORGANIZATION MUSTAFA MURAD, WHO SAID HE
WOULD HAVE PREFERRED PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. HE ADDED THAT
SADAT WOULD BE FACING NUMEROUS CHALLENGES, SUCH AS LOW
STANDARD OF LIVING AND UNFAIR DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME, STATUS
OF WOMEN, IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION AND PRACTICE OF TRUE
DEMOCRACY WITH STRONG OPPOSITION. ABSENCE OF STRONG OPPOSITION
WOULD MEAN WEAK GOVERNMENT THAT WOULD NOT ENCOURAGE FOREIGN
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INVESTMENT. MURAD ALSO CALLED FOR MORE FREEDOM OF PRESS.

2. BEGINNING AT 1430 LOCAL, SADAT READ FIFTEEN-MINUTE SPEECH TO ASSEMBLY. SIGNIFICANT QUOTES FOLLOW (EMBASSY TRANSLATION):

3. MY PRIMARY PRINCIPLE IS THAT I WILL BE PRESENT WHEN THE PEOPLE WANT ME AND ABSENT WHEN THEY DON'T WANT ME. I AM ANSWERING THE CALL OF EGYPT.

4. THE PAST SIX YEARS HAVE BEEN FULL OF ACHIEVEMENTS: ALL EXCEPTIONAL MEASURES WERE TERMINATED, RIGHTS OF ALL INSTITUTIONS RESTORED, PRINCIPLE OF POLITICAL ARRESTS HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR GOOD, AND STEPS TOWARD SOUND DEMOCRACY TAKEN. WHOLE WORLD IS WATCHING THIS EXPERIMENT. OUR ECONOMIC OPEN DOOR POLICY IS NOW OVERCOMING OBSTACLES. OUR SOCIALIST OUTLOOK HAS CRYSTALIZED WITHIN PERMANENT FRAMEWORK OF 8 POINTS I MENTIONED IN MY SPEECH OF JULY 23. WE FOUGHT OCTOBER WAR WITH PURELY EGYPTIAN COMMAND AND WILL, AND OUR VICTORY WIPE OUT ARAB SHAME OF DEFEAT AND RESTORED EGYPTIAN AND ARAB DIGNITY.

5. THESE GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS WERE MAIN THING THAT MADE ME ACCEPT THE NOMINATION AND TO BE FRANK WITH YOU THAT WE MUST PREPARE FOR NEW STAGE OF STRUGGLE WITH DETERMINATION. THESE ACHIEVEMENTS DETERMINED THE ASSIGNMENTS OF THE FUTURE:

A. BECAUSE OF STUBBORN "RIVAL" (KHISM), IT IS WITHIN OUR RIGHTS TO LIBERATE ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND ESTABLISH PERMANENT PEACE BASED ON JUSTICE IN AREA WITH HOME AND IDENTITY FOR PALESTINIANS;

B. POLITICAL STABILITY AND SOCIAL PEACE THROUGH DEMOCRACY. A COUNTRY IS STRONG TO EXTENT EVERYONE BELIEVES IN RIGHT AND PEACE. SOCIETY IN WHICH ONE PERSON'S RIGHTS ARE VIOLATED IS A TYRANNY NOT WORTHY OF SURVIVING.

C. AFFIRMATION OF OUR SOCIALISM WHICH IS BASED ON OUR CIRCUMSTANCES, TRADITIONS, HERITAGE AND VALUES. WE SHALL CONTINUE OUR OPEN DOOR POLICY IN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FIELDS TO HAVE DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAMS WHICH GIVE OUR PEOPLE THE LIFE THEY RIGHTLY DESERVE.

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D. WE SHALL WORK TO UNIFY THE ARABS, STAYING ABOVE STUPIDITY, PHONY SLOGANS, FORMATION OF AXES, AND LABELS IN RESPONSE TO FEUDS AND SUSPICIOUS FOREIGN INTERVENTIONS.

E. WE SHALL CONTINUOUSLY DEVELOP OUR ARMED FORCES TO REMAIN A SHARP SWORD ALWAYS PREPARED TO RECOVER RIGHTS FOR THEIR OWNERS, REPEL ANY ADVERSARIOUS AGGRESSOR AND TO BE

A FORCE IN A WORLD WHERE RIGHT HAS NO SUPPORT EXCEPT POWER.

6. SADAT AGAIN THANKED ASSEMBLY FOR NOMINATION AND ENDED WITH ONE OF HIS FAVORITE QUOTATIONS: "PRAISE GOD TO MAKE ME FROM BEGINNING TO END OF MY LIFE SINCERE AND FAITHFUL TO GOD."

7. COMMENT: PRESIDENT OBVIOUSLY BELIEVED OCCASION CALLED FOR SHORT, STATESMANLIKE ADDRESS. UNLIKE HIS RECENT HARDHITTING ATTACKS ON QADHAFI AND SYRIA (AND IN COLOMBO AGAINST ISRAEL), HE AVOIDED DIRECTLY ATTACKING FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC OPPONENTS. IN FACT, USE OF WORD "RIVAL" OR "OPPONENT" FOR ISRAEL RATHER THAN "ENEMY" IS WE BELIEVE A NEW DEPARTURE. PRESIDENT'S STRESS ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FIRST TERM IS UNDERSTANDABLE AT THIS TIME, BUT HAS BEEN MANY TIMES AND COUNTRY IS NOW PREOCCUPIED WITH WHAT HE IS GOING TO DO ABOUT DETERIORATING ECONOMIC SITUATION AND QADHAFI.
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